



*Renton  
Municipal  
Arts  
Commission*

## **RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2010  
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall  
Conferencing Center (7<sup>th</sup> Floor)

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Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Patricia Pepper, Dalia Amin, Jerri Everett, Doug Kyes, Fred Lund, Linda Middlebrooks, Mike O'Halloran, Britt McKenzie, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren and Denise Zullig

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: None

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development  
Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum  
Vincent Orduna, Community Services  
Vivienne Lietz, Administrative Secretary, Community & Economic Development

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Pepper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Pat Pepper honored Mike O'Halloran for his 19 years of service to the RMAC. Mike O'Halloran stated he is going to be on the City's Planning Commission and that he has enjoyed his time on the Arts Commission. Pat Pepper presented a certificate of appreciation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER LINDA MIDDLEBROOKS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9 MINUTES AS WRITTEN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRITT MCKENZIE. COMMISSIONERS CONCURRED, MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH:** Vivienne Lietz presented clues on a local art piece which Wesley Van Doren guessed to be Wolves at Indian Basket. Vincent Orduna will present a piece in April and Pat Pepper in May.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Lund distributed mail highlighting local art events.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Local Arts Agency:** No meeting in February.

**ACTION ITEM LIST:**

**Communications:**

- We have enough artists to exhibit at Carco Theatre for the rest of the year and Britt McKenzie is working on scheduling the dates. Michelle Waldele-Dick's artist reception went well and was well received. She received two art commissions from the event.
- The display cases along the South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street side of the parking garage is visually a dead zone and the committee would like to feature something bold and interesting for passersby and the many cars that drive that route. Committee will present the project to the commission next month on design and budget.
- The Sister City art piece in the hallway to the Mayor's Office on 7<sup>th</sup> floor should have a plaque. Mike O'Halloran provided information gathered from Sonja Mejlaender to the group and Doug Kyes offered to take it to the Sister Cities Committee to implement. This piece is not part of the City's art collection.

**Art in Windows:** New artist, Erik Korhel, will be exhibiting in a storefront on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Downtown Renton.

**Resource Development:**

Interviews of three artist's teams were held for the Logan Ave North project: Juan Alonso, Bruce & Shannon Andersen and Judith & Daniel Caldwell. Judith & Daniel Caldwell were selected unanimously. All candidates were excellent but those selected were the best fit for this project. Their references checked out. It was beneficial to have the engineer, James Wilhoit, take part in the interviews as he could offer technical information and details of the project. MIKE O'HALLORAN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE RESOURCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF JUDITH & DANIEL CALDWELL TO BE THE ARTISTS FOR THE LOGAN AVE NORTH PROJECT. SECONDED BY WESLEY VAN DOREN. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED. A small committee will be formed to work on the project and contract with the artist. It would be beneficial to include on the committee a homeowner from the North Renton Neighborhood Association.

**Master Plan:** The Leadership group met and the next Steering Committee will be held Thursday, March 18, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Merrill Gardens. Please put the word out about the Art survey on the Arts Commission web page. The Master Plan is moving forward.

**Renton River Days:** Dalia Amin has researched the cost of stickers: \$79 for 1,000 stickers. Stamping their hands might be an alternative option to the stickers, Dalia will check into it. She would like to use sandwich boards to advertise the origami activity for the booth. Vincent Orduna has boards that can be used.

**Art Grants:** Jennifer reviewed the Arts Grant application with the commission and requested feedback. Discussion ensued on monetary value of the grants. The grant amounts will depend whether the commission receives the grant from 4Culture. Pat Pepper, Linda Middlebrooks, Evelyn Reingold and Vincent Orduna will review the grant application edits.

**Commission Budget:** Budget was reviewed, no comments.

**Outstanding projects:** Renton FilmFrenzy planning committee would like a Commissioner to judge the films. Fred Lund volunteered to judge again for 2010. Vincent Orduna will serve as a staff person and Wesley Van Doren will be back up on the planning committee.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Britt McKenzie has a list of 100 local artists who may participate in the EDGE program. She has spoken with Renton Technical College and the Parks division and both parties are interested in the EDGE program and would be willing to discuss details about hosting art programs, workshops, and/or classes.

Dalia Amin has organized a photography competition with a diversity theme at the University of Washington. She asked if any of the commissioners would like to be a judge for the competition.

Doug Kyes asked Vincent Orduna if he knew anyone who could present to the commission on how to light a bridge in the City.

Jennifer Davis Hayes and Pat Pepper requested the commissioners think about the direction they want the commission to be moving and the role of the arts commission in preparation for the Master Plan meeting.

**Adjournment:** The March 2, 2010, meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

  
Patricia Pepper, Chair